IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S. ANANDA REDDY

Writ Petition No.15891 of 2007

Dated:09-10-2007

Between:

Vadagam Venkata Subba Rao, s/o late V. Sreeramulu.

... Petitioner

and

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer and Land Acquisition Officer,
   Guntur,
   Guntur District and 2 others.

... Respondents

ORDER:

The writ petition is filed by the petitioner aggrieved by the inaction on the part of the respondents to initiate acquisition proceedings in respect of the land to an extent of 32 square yards in T.S.No.658/2, Ward No.5,
D.No.22-4-110 to 113/1 at Jinna Tower Centre, Guntur.

2. It is stated that the above land was acquired by the Guntur Municipal Corporation for the purpose of road widening and even possession was taken over as early as in the year 2001. As no proceedings were initiated for acquisition and no compensation was paid, the petitioner was constrained to approach this Court by filing a writ petition, being W.P.No.21894 of 2001, which was disposed of on 14-10-2004 directing the Municipal Commissioner, who was impleaded as respondent, to initiate land acquisition proceedings and pay compensation. It is also stated that pursuant to the orders of this Court,

though the third respondent-Corporation deposited the requisite amount of compensation payable, with the Land Acquisition Officer-cum-Revenue Divisional Officer, the acquisition department did not initiate any proceedings. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. As the facts are not in dispute and since the land acquisition department did not acquire the land, possession of which was taken over as early as in the year 2001 and with reference to which compensation payable was also deposited by the third respondent, the respondents 1 and 2 are hereby directed to initiate and complete the land acquisition proceedings, including passing of award, within a period of eight weeks.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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JUSTICE S. ANANDA REDDY

Dt.09-10-2007
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